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Evacuees Under Probation/Parole Supervision Must Report *DOC Establishes 800 number for Offenders*

(Baton Rouge) Probationers and parolees under supervision who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina need to report their location and other information to the Louisiana Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Division immediately. **Offenders can call (during normal business hours) 1-800-869-2909, a toll-free number from anywhere in the United States or (225) 342-6609 locally in Baton Rouge.**

The Probation and Parole Division realizes that many offenders may have had to evacuate to other states or other locations in Louisiana. DOC has asked for and received cooperation from many states so far in our efforts to properly supervise offenders in communities all across the country.

Four Probation and Parole Districts remain closed at this time due to damage from Hurricane Katrina: St. Bernard, New Orleans East, New Orleans West and Jefferson. Many Probation and Parole agents displaced in those areas are returning to work in other districts. Alternate plans for inmates who would normally release to those districts from prison have been made.

Probation and Parole agents will be visiting shelters across Louisiana to ensure the message gets out. The information will be given out in other states as well.

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